**METRO** / A17

**Children of Leviste's** victim want 2nd autopsy to prove he was murdered

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**Stocks surge** to highest in nearly 10 years

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**Cuban leader Fidel Castro** in serious condition after 3 failed operations

**ACROSS** / A15

**Palace fails to get 14** Pampanga mayors to back Lapids

**NEWS** / A9

**Jinggoy protests** Davide posting as envoy to UN

**Vanity thy name is man: Plastic surgery going up**



WASHINGTON—LOOK who's getting a nip and tuck. Once considered women's domain, cosmetic surgery is increasingly attracting American men keen on remaining competitive in the workplace, improving their love life or getting rid

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**Naia to collect P200 security fee on Feb. 1**

By Nikko Dizon

THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY WILL START COLlecting on Feb. 1 a P200 security and development fee from each passenger flying out of Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia).

Overseas Filipino workers will be exempted from paying the airport charge.

All other passengers will be required to pay the

NAIA / A4

# Dismissed officials dig in

## DILG: Vacate offices in 48 hours or else ...

By Norman Bordadora, in Manila; Anselmo Roque, Inquirer Central Luzon; and Nestor P. Burgos Jr., Inquirer Visayas

INTERIOR SECRETARY RONALDO PUNO YESTERDAY gave dismissed and suspended local executives 48 hours to leave their respective offices to ensure that government functions are not hampered.

If the local executives refuse to yield by Thursday, Interior Undersecretary Wencelito Andanar said the Philippine National Police would be called upon to enforce the law.

Dismissed Iloilo Gov. Niel Tupas, Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad of Pasay City and Mayor Antonio Prospero Esquivel of Jaen, Nueva Ecija, and suspended Batangas Gov. Armand Sanchez have ignored orders from the Department of Interior and Local Government to vacate their posts.

The Office of the Ombudsman had either dismissed or suspended these four officials for their alleged involvement in graft. (See related story on Page A18.)

"It's business as usual and I am still the governor," said Tupas, who was holed up in the governor's office on the third floor of the five-story provincial capitol in Iloilo.

Around 700 of Tupas' supporters continued their camp-out on the grounds of the capitol. The operations of its offices have returned to normal but entry to the building was still restricted.

Esquivel said he would step down only after he would have exhausted all legal means to contest his dismissal.

Esquivel, along with hundreds of his supporters, has been staying in the town hall since Monday night.

Sanchez, for his part, is seeking a tempo-

DISMISSED / A4



AFTERGLO: "Let us savor this monumental triumph of the Philippines," President Arroyo exults during a roundtable meeting at the Palace as she also wraps up the achievements of the 12th Asean and East Asian summits in Cebu City.

## 'Plunder may still be filed vs Nani if there's new evidence'

By Norman Bordadora

NEW EVIDENCE MAY STILL BE PREsented against former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez so he can be charged with plunder, a nonbailable offense, according to the Office of the Ombudsman.

Despite the signed complaint-affidavit he submitted to the Ombudsman showing that he charged Perez with plunder on Dec. 23, 2002, Jimenez appeared to be no longer interested in pursuing plunder, a capital offense, against Perez.

He said last week that he didn't charge Perez with plunder.

Assistant Special Prosecutor Marina Demetrio said the Ombudsman's panel that looked into Perez's alleged extortion of $2 million from ex-Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez in 2001 saw no case for plunder when it looked at the available evidence.

PLUNDER / A4



QUEENLY: Helen Mirren scores twice over for Elizabeth I, II roles.



THE HEAVENLY Meryl Streep scores a Golden Globe record.

## 'Babel' and 'Dreamgirls' bag Golden Globe awards

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA—The searing cultural drama "Babel" and the uplifting musical "Dreamgirls" won the top Golden Globe awards on Monday, making them instant front-runners for the Oscars.

Veteran filmmaker Martin Scorsese took home the prize for best director with his crime thriller "The Departed," a darling of critics. It was the second Globe for the filmmaker, boosting his prospects of finally winning an Oscar after five nominations, all losses.

"Listen! I have my papers in order, Governor, I swear," joked "Babel" director Alejandro Gon-

BABEL / A4

**'Babel' wins best drama**

"Babel" and "Dreamgirls" were named best motion pictures at Monday's Golden Globes.



MOTION PICTURE AWARDS

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|---|---|
| Drama | "Babel" |
| Actor | Forest Whitaker, "The Last King of Scotland" |
| Actress | Helen Mirren, "The Queen" |
| Mus./Com. | "Dreamgirls" |
| Actor | Sacha Baron Cohen, "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" |
| Actress | Meryl Streep, "The Devil Wears Prada" |
| Sup. Actor | Eddie Murphy, "Dreamgirls" |
| Sup. Actress | Jennifer Hudson, "Dreamgirls" |
| Director | Martin Scorsese, "The Departed" |

SOURCE: Hollywood Foreign Press Association AP

## *2 winners have distinct ties with the Philippines*

By Ruben V. Nepales, Los Angeles Correspondent

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA—The top winners for best dramatic performances at the 64th Golden Globe Awards have distinct ties to the Philippines.

Helen Mirren, named best actress by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (of which this reporter is a voting member) for her separate portrayals of Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II, said she had a brother who married a Fil-

2 WINNERS / A4

**SPECIAL PEOPLE**

## Autistic artist has photographic memory

By Jocelyn R. Uy

(First of a series)

T-TEAM Report

Fernando del Mundo, Chief

HARRY ATIENZA CAN DRAW a portrait in less than five minutes. He has a photographic memory, but he dreads attending parties and finds failing to love and telling jokes perplexing.

Even as a boy, Atienza knew that something was different about him. He started to understand what set him apart from others only five years ago after doctors diagnosed him with Asperger's Syndrome (AS), a form of "high-functioning autism."

The discovery was made after Atienza sought for the second time in his life help from a specialist in 2001. He had his first treatment after dropping out of the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna, in 1986 due to "complicated emotional stress."

People with AS—named after Austrian psychiatrist Hans Asperger—have normal intelligence and language development. But they are unable to grasp human emotions.

They have difficulties with changes as they are bound by repetitive behaviors. They also experience substantial delays in the development of their cognitive functions. But some are considered "gifted" when they manifest advanced abilities in language, reading, mathematics, spatial skills or music.

Autism has different levels of severity (See In the Know below). Causes of this impairment remain shrouded in mystery despite more rapid advances in studies since Dr. Leo Kanner, a child psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins University Medical School, first used the word "autism" while doing his research in 1943.

Many children affected by autism experience problems of acceptance not only among peers but by society in general.

Over the past 11 years, "Autism Consciousness Week"—Jan. 14 to 21 this year—has been designated to raise awareness of a problem that the Autism Society of the Philippines says afflicts between 250,000 and 500,000 Filipinos.

ASP says the incidence of

AUTISTIC / A4

## *These budding bakers may throw a tantrum*

By Jocelyn R. Uy

WITH THEIR WHITE CAPS AND APRONS, the five boys kneading and cutting dough looked every inch like bakers in a French boulangerie, except that they throw occasional tantrums.

They were selected from a dozen students at the Center for Autism and Related Disorder, Philippines, and are undergoing training to man CARD's bakeshop that is set to open later this year in Las Piñas City.

The pan de sal that will be produced will go to the poor children of Las Piñas.

Teaching these kids to become bakers may be a gamble, but officials of CARD, mostly parents of those afflicted with autism, believe that individuals with disabilities are capable of also serving others in need.

Starting out as a therapy center in Los Baños, Laguna, CARD was established in 1995 to provide a structured educational program and intervention for people with autism and their families.

It eventually moved to BF Homes in Las Piñas City as a school and a "one-stop shop" center providing various programs on autism management so that it could reach out to more families in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. Forty-two students are currently

THESE BUDDING / A4





WALK FOR AUTISM. Members of different chapters of the Autism Society of the Philippines kick off Sunday Autism Consciousness Week, Jan. 14-21, at CCP complex.

**IN THE KNOW**

### Autism has many faces, misconceptions

By Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

THERE ARE MANY MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT autism. Some think all autistic individuals are mentally retarded, while others believe autistic people are geniuses who just happen to be

oblivious to the people around them.

But autism is not so simple, as no two autistic persons are alike.

In fact, scientists have discovered that classic autism or autistic disorder is just one of five pervasive developmental disorders or PDDs.

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WEATHER FORECAST

# Second FrontPage

# Summit starts Asian healing

CEBU—WHEN LEADERS FROM CHINA, JAPAN AND South Korea sat around a table in the ballroom of an upmarket Philippine hotel here, it signaled more than just the start of yet another diplomatic pow-wow.

# Troops overrun Abu camp

By Dona Pazzibugan

# NZ premier raises concern over human rights in RP

# Activist sues ex-PDI columnist

By Tarra Quismundo



# Honasan seeks to file candidacy

# Between 250,000 and 300,000 Filipinos afflicted

By DJ Yap

## Major obstacle

## Choices limited for the poor

## Nationwide ASP chapters

## Parents are blamed

## Magna Carta for the Disabled

## Parents in frontlines

# Autism has many faces, misconceptions

## Abnormal sensitivity

# Autistic artist has photographic memory, shares talent

## A contribution to make

## Persecuted in school

## Saving the environment

## Fine Arts

## 'My life as a comic book'

# These budding bakers may …

## 'All Dough' shop

## P1-million grant

## Partnership with home

# Naia to collect …

## Airlines wary

# Lafayette mines looking to resume operations





## Baguio writers name 16 fellows

## The Daily Gospel

# 'Babel' and 'Dreamgirls' bag Golden Globe awards

### Elizabeth I and II

### 'Borat'

### Screen legends



# 2 winners have distinct ties with the Philippines

### Martial arts

### Would love to visit

### Sharing her victory

### Sundries



# Vanity thy name is man: Plastic surgery going up

### Tons of bricks lifted

# Plane crashes off Subic, 2 hurt













































FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS

# Voting via Internet OKd

# Palace lists 8 on Senate slate






# Jinggoy protests Davide posting as envoy to UN









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# OPINION

## Blacklists

EDITORIAL

WRITING IN THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY ISSUE OF the influential Foreign Affairs magazine, Singapore's Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew says American success is still possible in Iraq and the broader "war on terror"—but only if the United States takes a page out of its Cold War playbook. As Lee puts it, "The basic feature of US foreign policy during the Cold War was inclusiveness—a willingness to embrace any country that opposed communism, whatever its type of government." [illegible]

Of course, two decades ago, Corazon Aquino told the Americans that democracy was best built through the ways of democracy [illegible]

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## Manansala mural swapped for elevator, termites

AS I SEE IT

*Neal H. Cruz*

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB [illegible]

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## 'Puno't dulo'

THERE'S THE RUB

*Conrado de Quiros*

[illegible]

## Open season for mud-slinging

ANALYSIS

*Amando Doronila*



## Asean might

PINOY KASI

*Michael L. Tan*



## Technology and quality of content

AT LARGE

*Rina Jimenez-David*



## Fifteen Martyrs of Bicol

LOOKING BACK

*Ambeth R. Ocampo*



# Political grandstanding to woo the labor vote

## LETTERS

## Keep a tight watch on where Smith is

## No longer a question of a better alternative

## Kapatiran's elitism recalls US founders




## Dirty politics on display in P125 wage increase

## A senator until 2010

## GMA's last card

# Dismissed officials dig in; DILG sets 48-hr deadline



HUMAN BARRICADE: Supporters of suspended Batangas Gov. Armand Sanchez (below) block entry to the provincial capitol at press time. DILG says PNP will enforce the law when deadline lapses on Thursday.



No due process

Don't shoot messenger

Targeting oppositions

Like thief in the night

Backlash



# 'Plunder may still be filed vs Nani if ...

Motion for reconsideration

Uncorroborated

Power deal

Go back to law books

Supreme Court of the Philippines
**Judicial and Bar Council**
Manila

The Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) announces that the following are candidates for the position of **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS** which was vacated by Hon. Eliezer R. De los Santos whose permanent and total disability retirement was approved by the Supreme Court effective 31 December 2006.

1. AYSON, RUBEN C.
2. ALIM, ROSE MARY M.
3. BARRIOS, MANUEL M.
4. CRUZ, RAMON A.
5. CUEVA, EULOGIA MAKABENTA
6. DELOS SANTOS, EDGARDO L.
7. DIAMANTE, FRANCHITO N.
8. DUMDUM, SIMEON P. JR.
9. FRUELDA, CARMELITA GUTIERREZ
10. GENILO, LITA S. TOLENTINO
11. HERRERA, OSCAR C. JR.
12. INFANTE, AMELIA TRIA
13. LLOREN, EDGARDO T.
14. NIEVES, WILFREDO T.
15. PAREDES, MEINRADO P.
16. PAREDES, VICTORIA ISABEL A.
17. PAUIG, VILMA T.
18. SALVADOR FE Q. PALMIANO
19. SORONGON, EDWIN D.
20. YBAÑEZ, ELIHU A.
21. ZALAMEDA, RODIL V.

Any information, written report, sworn complaint or opposition against any of the aforesaid candidates must be submitted on or before January 26, 2007 to the JBC Secretariat, 2nd Floor, Centennial Bldg., P. Faura, Manila (Tel. No. 552-9512 Fax No. 552-9598. Email address: jbc@supremecourt.gov.ph; jbc_supremecourt@yahoo.com.ph)

January 16, 2007

(Sgd.) MA. LUISA D. VILLARAMA
Clerk of Court &
Ex Officio Secretary

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

# Lost but not forgotten lighthouse



*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth and last of a series of reports on lighthouses in Northern Luzon. The Inquirer Northern Luzon is featuring these century-old structures to highlight their importance to the country's northern sea lanes and call attention to their neglect.*

By Melvin Gascon
Aparri, Cagayan

IT WAS A SUNNY MORNING IN Linao village in Aparri, Cagayan, but a pall of gloom seemed to embrace the faces of a group of men in the hall as they milled around Edilberto Arellano, 62, as he viewed old, unsewed photographs of a lighthouse he keeps.

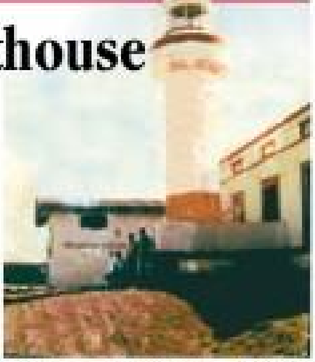
"This is the room where I and my siblings used to sleep," recalled fisherman Ronald Reyes, whose father Mario was a lighthouse keeper in the 1970s. He was showing a sepia photo of the lighthouse pavilion, which served as quarters for its personnel.

Everybody nodded. The photographs reminded the men of Linao (pop. 2,300) the sad reality of what their village and its people may have lost forever: The Linao Point lighthouse in the sub-village of [illegible].

## Village pride

Built in 1896, the lighthouse, which, for almost 100 years, was Linao's pride and symbol as it guarded the western side of the entrance of the Cagayan River delta in Aparri, the northernmost town of Luzon mainland.

It was listed as one of the 27 major lighthouses in the country by "Faros Españoles de Ultramar," a book about lighthouses built by the Spanish government in its former colonies of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. The book was published in Spain.



THE LINAO Point Lighthouse's 30-foot tower in Aparri, Cagayan, is shown in this digitally enhanced photo preserved by the family of one of the deceased keepers. PHOTO [illegible]

The forces of nature, as well as neglect by government agencies tasked with taking care of it, have taken their toll on the lighthouse.

Since the late 1990s, Arellano said he and other personnel, as well as residents, watched helplessly as one typhoon after another brought high waves and swelling tides that washed off the lighthouse and the houses around it.

The complex, with its 9-meter (30-foot) round tower, the main pavilion and two service buildings have been destroyed. What remains are just pieces of concrete rubble jutting out of the sea, 20 meters from the coastline.

## Full of life

But the local folk's memories remain full of life. Their sense of enchantment is evident, for they have a story to tell about how the century-old structure became part of their lives.

Almost all families in Linao are descendants of Filipino workers who had toiled for years building the lighthouse, under the "polo" or forced labor system imposed by Spaniards.

For almost 100 years, the facility was home to families of four keepers who were assigned by the Philippine Navy to maintain its upkeep.

"Lighthouse keepers then received almost everything we needed from the government, including food rations—more than what we receive today in the form of the P1,000 cost-of-living allowance," said Arellano. He and other keepers in the country are under the Aid to Navigation Division of the Philippine Coast Guard.

Before it was destroyed, the lighthouse had been a popular tourist attraction. Visitors came to roam around its premises, scale its tower and view the surrounding countryside, Arellano said.

From the top, one could see the villages along the banks of the Linao River on the south, the Babuyan Channel on the north, and the Aparri town proper and the how the Cagayan River delta "meets the sea" on the east.

The buildings in the complex were structurally similar to other lighthouses built during the same period—like Cape Bojeador in Ilocos Norte and Cape Engaño in Santa Ana, Cagayan. These were constructed out of the same plan, said Arellano.

Originally, the sixth-order Fresnel lens mounted on top of the lighthouse was powered by kerosene fed from the base, according to Arellano. The bulb had a rotating ring of triangular prisms, which focused light and made it give off the appropriate flashing pattern when sighted from the sea.

The keepers would have to manually wind up the mechanism every four hours, Arellano said.

In the 1980s, the lighthouse evolved. It was later powered by a diesel-fed generator, then by batteries, and then by solar panels that needed little human involvement. The so-called sun switch automatically switched the beacon on or off, depending on the presence of daylight.

Vicente Mendez Jr., the village chief, said that while bigger ships no longer used lighthouses as primary navigational aids, they remained an integral part of the lives of Linao and other fishing villages of Aparri.

> The lighthouse would still be standing today if only a proposed 200-m seawall had been built to protect the surrounding coastline

## Restoration plea

Perhaps no one knows the pain of losing the lighthouse more than its keeper, Arellano, who saw how year after year, typhoons and the raging waves gradually engulfed the lighthouse and its surrounding village, while his pleas for its protection and restoration went unheeded.

His theory is that a foreign ship that sank at the mouth of the Cagayan River in 1980 altered the currents, causing giant whirlpools during typhoons that ate away the Linao shoreline.

The sea has since submerged an entire village and part of the 1.5-hectare reservation where the lighthouse once stood, pushing back the shore for about a kilometer, Arellano said.

The lighthouse would still be standing today, he said, if only a proposed 200-m seawall had been built to protect the surrounding coastline.

VILLAGERS still nourish dreams of retrieving the land to revive their treasured lighthouse, now engulfed by the Babuyan Channel.



# Across the NATION

# Palace bid to back Lapids rejected

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Efforts by President Macapagal-Arroyo's political adviser to settle the feud between 14 Pampanga mayors and Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid and his son, Gov. Mark Lapid, have failed, according to two mayors present in the meeting at Malacañang on Monday.

Gabriel Claudio, presidential adviser for political affairs, got a



CLAUDIO



PINEDA

## Duvao electric cooperative told to refund ₱2.1M

# Police accused of wanting to revive 'jueteng'

## ROUNDUP

### Ex-mayor's aide, wife slain

### Falling rock kills Korean

### Fire razes 3 Dumaguete firms

### Tribal group backs Chavit

### Farmers find WWII bombs

# News

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# Cops unfazed by suspect's reversal




By Margaux Ortiz and DJ Yap

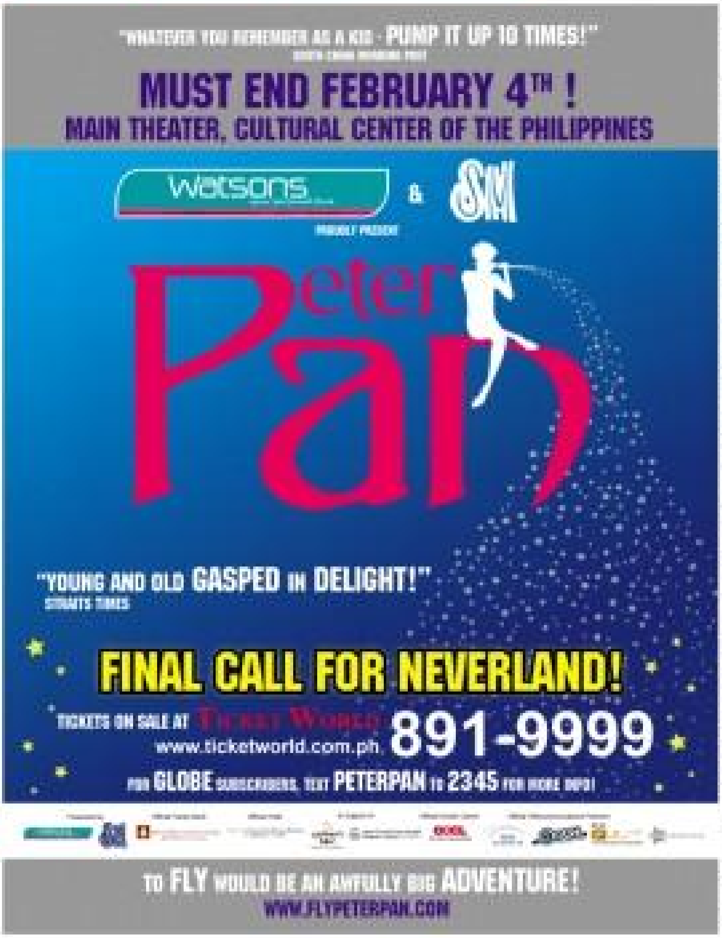
Too late

# Valera has P5-M fund for media, police claim

By Alcuin Papa

Not funny

Coerced



# Aplus METRO




# Slain Leviste aide's kin want 2nd autopsy

## Treachery evident in slay, says lawyer






# People's groups hit soldiers' presence in Metro barangays



RESIDENTS of several barangays in Quezon City and Manila are wary about the presence of soldiers in their communities, despite assurances that the men in uniform were deployed in the area to deliver basic services.

## MetroBriefs

### Man arrested for drugs in Pasig

### La Salle 1007 alumni homecoming

# 2 Pasay councilors turn state witness, reinstated

## Cheap courses for Munti studes

## Did you know



## Alleged slain car hijack suspect could be Roldan state witness

## 2 traders robbed in QC

### Fear factor

## Security measures in place for Sto. Niño fete in Tondo



# Ice storms hit US states; 29 killed



THAKSIN

## Thaksin appeals for return to democracy

# Ancient city found in Syria



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CASTRO

# Failed operations leave Castro in serious condition

# 51% of US women living without spouse

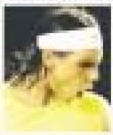
# The WORLD

# US readies major military offensive in Iraq

BAGHDAD—A MAJOR US-BACKED OPERATION to curb militia violence in Baghdad will take at least six months and is probably the final chance for the increasingly shaky government, senior Iraqi political sources said.



## HARI AND PCE RALLY FOR PRO NEGOSYO, GO NEGOSYO!



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Sharapova gets through heat, foe/A24

# SPORTS




## Alcano, Luat lead RP bets in All Kansai 9-Ball Open

## Pacquiao set to ink Macau fight contract

# Cabahug sparkles as Sparks prevail



TOYOTA Otis' Dennis Daa goes for a layup against Teletech's Francis Mercado yesterday.

By Jasmine W. Payo

## Asian Zonal stalls probe

# Chot ready to roll up sleeves with RP cagers



REYES: Put the pool back.

# Volleybelles top Olympic contenders



# Purefoods, SLR target 2-0 lead

# PVF to pay $.1M debt

# Gaston relinquishes BAP directorship

## SPORTSWATCH

### Chiefs turn back Generals

### SJC Cockers Club derby today

# Steve Wynn gambles on $5-million kimchi

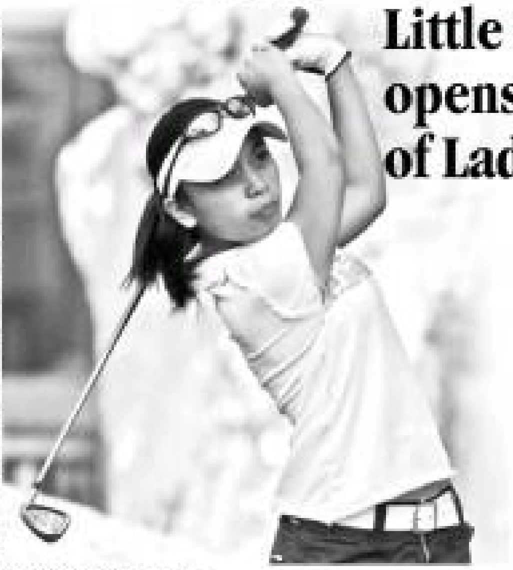
BARE EYE



*Recah Trinidad*

# RP chessers resume bid in Vietnam Asian Zonal

# Little Debbie opens defense of Ladies title



# Alabang's Mango Tee set Feb. 7-11

# *Rivero not stopping until she's queen*



### WORLD SLASHER CUP & THUNDERBIRD CONTINUE LONG-TIME PARTNERSHIP

# CPU Net benefit golf slated at Wack Wack



# SPORTS

# Sharapova gets through heat, foe



## Hingis, Clijsters, Nadal march on

MELBOURNE—A RASH of errors and a broiling sun had top-seeded Maria Sharapova delusional, ailing and on the ropes.



## No confrontation among fans this time



# Webber ready to sign with Pistons



WEBBER

# Kobe, Cook power Lakers past Heat



BUSINESS



# Stocks surge to highest in nearly 10 years

## Low treasury bill yields force shift to equities

STOCK PRICES ROSE 1.7 PERCENT HIGHER YESTERDAY to finish at their best level since early 1997 on continuing hopes that faster economic growth will boost corporate earnings, dealers said.

# Dollar deposits in banks hit $18B

## Bank lending growth slowed to 6.8% in Nov.

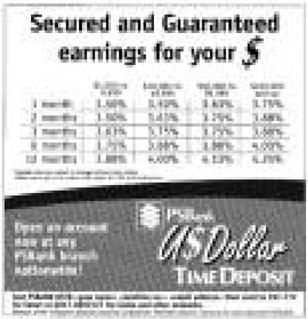
## Putting money in FCDUs becoming more attractive, says bank exec

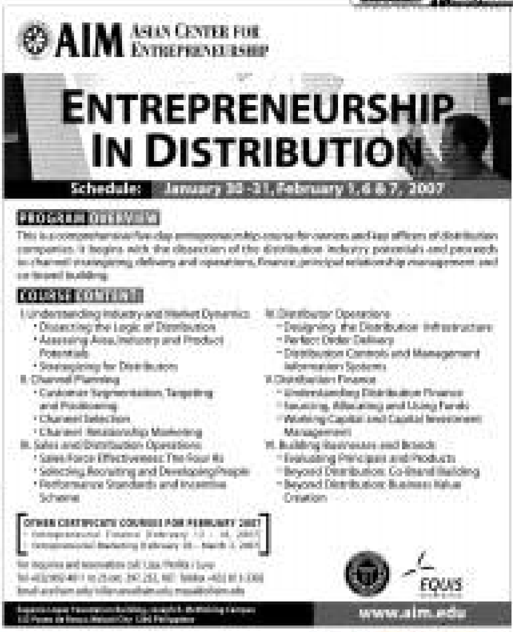
## Lopezes' Spanish partner may raise stake in Meralco

## Stocks surge to highest ...

# T-bond rate down to 6.5%







## State-of-the-Art Roofing Solutions

# American chamber opposes proposed ₱125 wage increase

## Legislated hike to harm economy, group says

# DA expects 18% growth in agri exports in '07

# Figaro embarks on aggressive expansion

# *Landco to invest ₱5B in Cebu project*

MOTORING

# Promoting the use of ethanol



FORD'S assembly plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, now capable of producing FFVs, will certainly help boost the country's alternative transport fuels program.

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

SPECIAL REPORT

TODAY, A GROWING number of fuel stations all over the country are already offering gasoline products blended with ethanol.

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### Misconception

[illegible]

### Tests in the US

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### Ford's interest

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FORD Philippines beefed up its assembly plant with state-of-the-art and high-precision machines like the coordinate measuring machine for vehicle body.

# Ford launches newest generation of SUVs

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### Premium SUV lineup

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### Long-term durability

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RICHARD Carl Baker, president, Ford Group Philippines and Henry Co, chair, Ford Group Philippines during the launch of Ford SUV at Philippine Plaza Hotel in Pasay City

# Latest 'idiot-proof' X5 doesn't sound Greek anymore



A longer, wider BMW X5 is arriving this second quarter of 2007. Inquirer Motoring drove the machine in Athens, Greece. Unlike the ruins all around the country, the vehicle made our day

By Tessa R. Salazar

CARE FOR A BIMmer? Well, forget it if you weren't born Richie Rich, or your winning lotto number didn't make it to the 8 p.m. deadline. But if you care to read a Bimmer article (which is so much less expensive than buying the real article), then forget the prices of luxury vehicles, forget poverty, government corruption, world hunger, or cruelly slaughtered livestock.

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### Tested to the hilt

[illegible]



THE CORROSION test was to make the entire body resist gravel, sand and stones as well as salt sludge and salt water under real-life driving conditions.

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# The Santa Fe's impressive arrival

On the Road

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



ATHLETIC-LOOKING yet refined: the 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe



ELEGANT interior with leather, woodgrain accents

### Upgraded

### Stunning

### User-friendly

### Solid ride

### Value for money



EXACTLY 77.4 cubic feet of cargo room in the Santa



THE 2.2-LITER CRDi engine

# Latest 'idiot-proof' . . .

From page B6

### Truly nauseating route

# LifeStyle

Editor [illegible] Chief of Correspondents Pam Pastor






LEMONGRASS Chicken ASPARAGUS Wrapped in Bacon TEQUILA Tubes



BABY Back Ribs

2BU! RECOMMENDS!

# Dinner in Bed

Say hello to Bed Room, Bed Space and Bed Scene, three resto-slash-clubs that aim to serve good food and great fun

By Pam Pastor

NICE, COMFORTABLE BEDS. Pajama-clad servers. Good food. Great music.

This is the vibe at the Bed Group of Restaurants and Clubs—Bed Scene in Mall of Asia, Bed Room in Eastwood City and Bed Space in Greenbelt 3.

Bed Room was heavily inspired by the opium dens of old Shanghai and the romantic interiors of Balinese resorts. Dark wooden beds and flowing gauzy fabrics allow guests to party in private with their friends.

Bed Scene transports guests to a blue underwater world. High arched ceilings, built-in aquariums and changing water light effects make for a soothing aquatic [illegible].

Bed Space's white interiors and stylish space-age design will make you feel as if you're in another world.

The three restaurants may be designed differently but they have one thing in common: good food.

Developed by chefs who've had experience in restaurants in Napa Valley, California, Malaysia and Singapore, Bed's Pacific Rim cuisine is a delight.

Current bestsellers include the crispy California Spring Rolls, Bacon-wrapped [illegible] and Asparagus, Grilled Beef and Chicken Skewers, Baby Back Ribs with [illegible] glaze, Baked Stuffed Chicken, and the Bed [illegible] Brulee Trio.

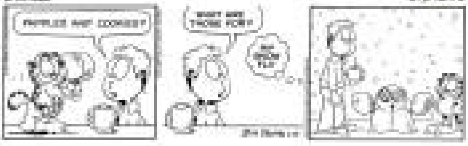
The promise of monthly menu updates will keep people coming back for more.

Don't be surprised when the lights dim during dinner and laser lights take over. That's when Bed transforms from restaurant to club. Different DJs play different kinds of music: house, club, world, Latin, R&B.

Aside from Bed's award-winning wine selection, a wide menu of different cocktails and mocktails is offered, including bestsellers Bed Berry Iced Tea, Liquid Ecstasy, Kamikaze, Between the Sheets, and Ask for More.

Bed Space is open 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday to Wednesday, 6 p.m.-3 a.m. on Thursday and 6 p.m.-4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call [illegible]

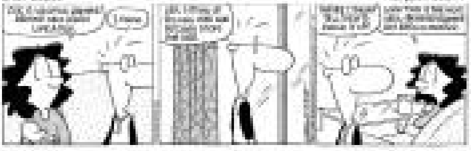
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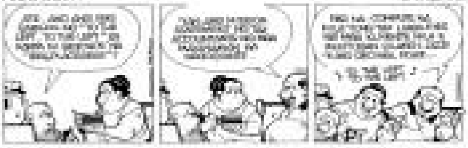
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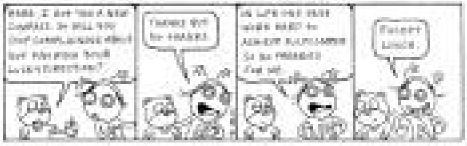
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**LOVENOTES**



**ATOMO AND WEBBY**



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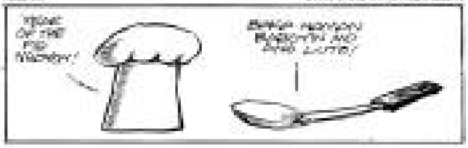


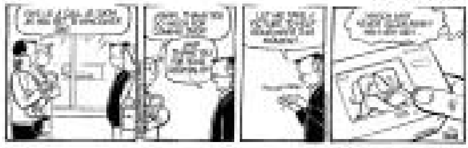
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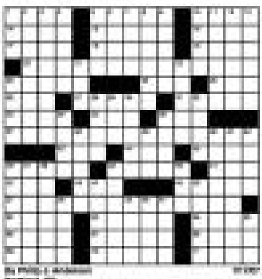


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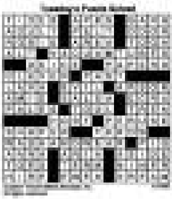




## DAILY CROSSWORD



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



## HOROSCOPE

## CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

**HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU**

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

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AVANT-GARDE gown trimmed with ostrich fur by Rossana Diana


A FLIRTY ballerina-inspired number


CHIC and simple shirtdress for work and date


KNEE-LENGTH dress with mesh sleeves and tapered hemline by Neil Barrett

# High-street *wedding finery*


BREEZY elegant white halter wedding dress


VEST dressed for funky occasions

By Bianca Consunji
*2bU! Correspondent*

THE NUOVA ACADEMIA DE Belle Arti Milano (Naba) recently staged a fashion show sponsored by the Italian Embassy, The Podium, the Societa Dante Alighieri Manila, and Singapore Airlines. The fashion show, dubbed "La Sposa Laica" (The Secular Bride), looked at the modern bride as its inspiration, and was shown last year in the streets of Milan.

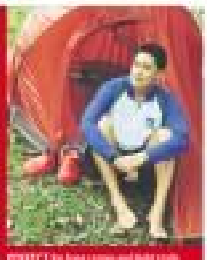
The first part of the collection focused on bridal gowns made by 10 world-renowned fashion designers and brands including Elio Ferrucci, Rossana Diana, Neil Barrett, Fuji Bridal, Kitchs, Costume Nazionale, Frankie Morello, Thomas Chiappin, Annapatia Lancero, and Kaon Devereaux.

While there were traditional wedding gowns such as those from Elio Fiorucci of the famous Fiorucci brand (his collection featured '70s-inspired styles and cute candies and cathedral), they were among the show's standouts, others went for a more avant-garde approach, such as Costume Nazionale. There were touches of playfulness courtesy of Kaon Devereaux, who designs clothes for Barbie—yes, as in the doll by Mattel. However, his structured pieces indicated none of the omnibus Barbie that characterize the doll's costumes.

Well-known bridal designer Annapaola Lancero, who opened a prestigious bridal store in the center of Milan in 1998, has collaborated with Byblos and Gori. Her pieces were romantic and fashioned on the traditional, but still managed to surprise the audience with interesting trimming and detail. Another designer, Thomas E. Chiappin, has worked with Thierry Mugler and John Galliano. Rossana Diana provided accessories.

The second part of the show featured designs from junior and senior students of the Fashion and Textile Design school of Naba. They interpreted the theme, "Emigration, Integration," with touches of ethnic cultures blending with Western-style clothing in an attempt to showcase the fusion of world cultures.


GET A GRIP! Crocs are ideal for light climbing


PERFECT for base camps and light trails


BRIGHT color combinations

# Playing rough


CHILLING out after a climb

Text by Bianca Consunji
*2bU! Correspondent*
Photos by Luigi Singlao

USUALLY, SHOES ASSOCIATED with rough outdoor activities such as hiking and rafting are no-frills, fully functional, and just plain boring. After all, there's no point in getting flashy colorful shoes when they're only going to get covered in mud and grass.

However, for the people behind Crocs, the line of footwear that immediately became popular for their comfort and shocking outdoor shoes need not necessarily be ugly.

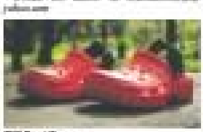
With the launch of the new Off Road style of Crocs, outdoor lovers can now hike around as they please in the comfortable clogs, which make the usual outdoor footwear (sandals with rubber tires and cloth straps) look hideous in comparison.

Crocs, while made of a lightweight material called Croslite, are durable and slip-resistant. They're good for walking on slippery rocks and trails. While the Off Road Crocs are not recommended for heavy hiking, they are ideal for walking around campsites and water activities such as rafting or kayaking.

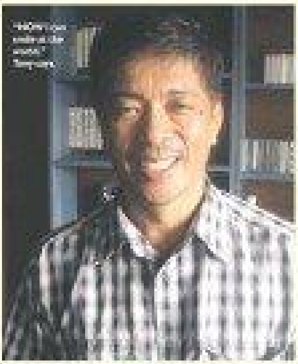
Get a pair if you're planning to do a lot of outdoor activities this summer. As they require very little cleaning (all you need to do is rub them under water with soap and a toothbrush), you won't have to worry about maintaining your shoes while on the trail.

Choose from several combinations of colors: army green and orange, black and red, chocolate brown and lime green, and orange and gold. Crocs are available at leading malls nationwide.

E-mail the author at biancaconsunji@yahoo.com


OFF Road Crocs


HANGING out at the campsite



2BU! TO THE RESCUE

# Teeth for Tony

By Pam Pastor

For years, Tony Aguila has lived without teeth. Thanks to his son Aaron and two kind dentists, he now has a smile he can be proud of

WHEN WE LAUNCHED 2BU! to the Rescue last Christmas with 21 wish granters, one of the most memorable experiences for us was the story of Tony Aguila, the preacher who, according to his son Aaron, "has no teeth while teaching."

# 36 years of kickin' style





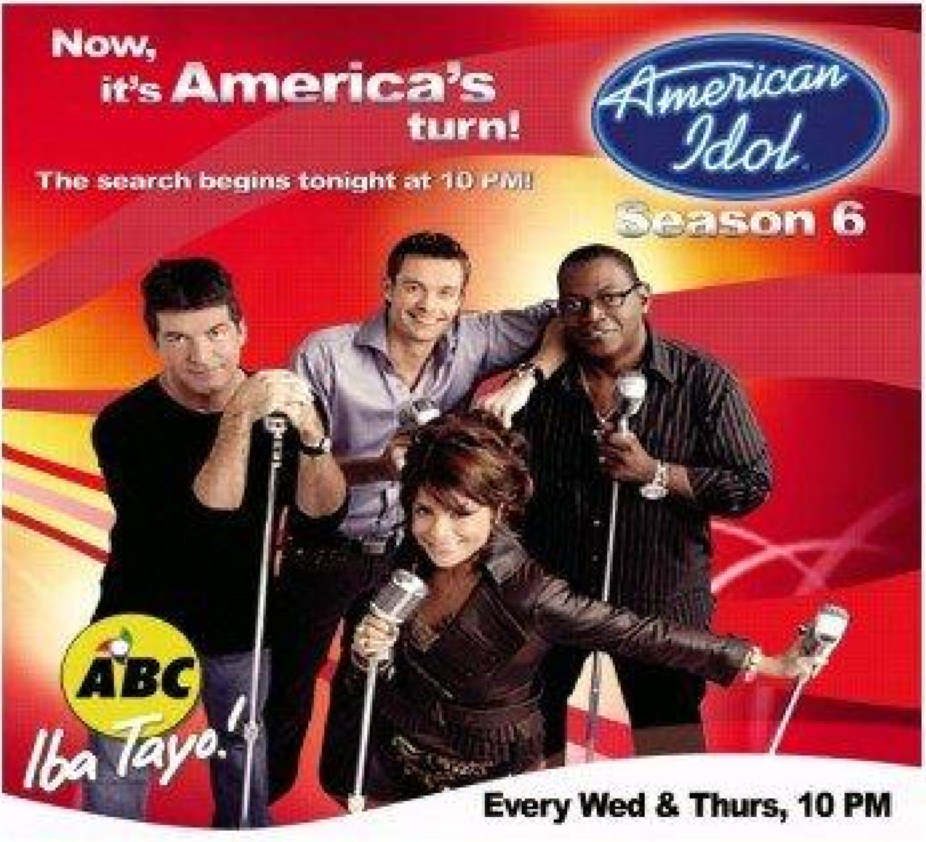


SHOES for the new generation

# Head-to-foot pampering



SPAHOLIC: Toni Gonzaga



ENTERTAINMENT
Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

# Not preggy . . . but happy together

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

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NO NETWORK WARS: Rufa Mae Quinto and Erik Santos



## OPENING TODAY

### Agent X44

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### Arthur and the Invisibles

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### Innocent Voices

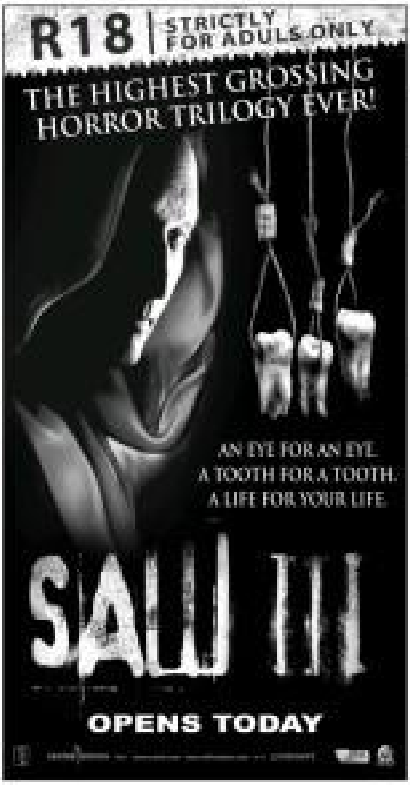
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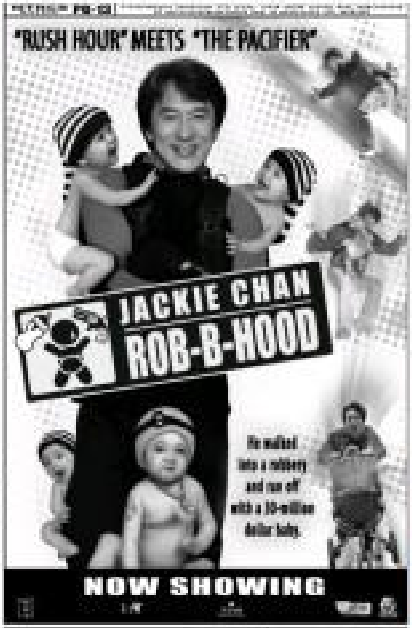














## Opening Today



"Déjà Vu"

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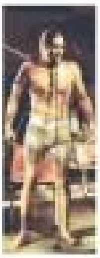
... diminish a child's indomitable spirit." Elizabeth Weitzman of New York Daily News thinks it's a film of "deep sadness and anger." Steven Rea of Philadelphia Inquirer comments that "it could have been immeasurably more powerful if it had been made with less artifice." Exclusively at Ayala Cinemas.

### Déjà Vu

Stars Denzel Washington, Jim Caviezel, Val Kilmer, Paula Patton

Directed by Tony Scott

An undercover agent (Washington) relies on flashes of memory or "déjà vu," to solve a horrendous crime that killed 540 people in a New Orleans ferry boat. [illegible] of The Hollywood Reporter finds it as a "smart, [illegible] techno-thriller that remains compelling right up to its brain-twisting ending." David Ansen of Newsweek notes that this "flashy Jerry Bruckheimer thriller — a preposterous but never dull. Scott whips the action into a [illegible]." Scott Bowles of USA Today notes that "it (the film) cannot escape the weight of its murky science, action-film formula and — yes — ending (which) seems ... the product of a studio exec who walked out of a test screening that went poorly."



### Saw III

Stars Angus Macfadyen, Bahar Soomekh, Dina Meyer, Shawnee Smith, Tobin Bell

Directed by Darren Lynn Bousman

[illegible]

# Not preggy… but happy together

## GALLERIA

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| 1 ERAGON • THX | 6 BLOOD DIAMOND |
| 2 DEJA VU | 7 GRIFFIN and PHOENIX |
| 3 SAW 3 | 8 ROB-B-HOOD |
| 4 ARTHUR and the INVISIBLES | 9 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO |
| 5 AGENT X44 | 10 INDIE SINE FESTIVAL |

## ERMITA

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| 1 DEJA VU | |
| 2 ROB-B-HOOD | 5 AGENT X44 |
| 3 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO | 6 SAW 3 |
| 4 ARTHUR and the INVISIBLES | 7 ERAGON |

## METRO EAST

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| 2 ARTHUR and the INVISIBLES | 6 SAW 3 |
| 3 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO | 7 ROB-B-HOOD |
| 4 BLOOD DIAMOND | 8 AGENT X44 |

## NOVALICHES

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| 1 DEJA VU | 5 SAW 3 |
| 2 ERAGON | 6 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO |
| 3 AGENT X44 | 7 ROB-B-HOOD |

## PIONEER

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| 1 AGENT X44 | 3 SAW 3 |
| 2 DEJA VU | 4 ARTHUR and the INVISIBLES |



## STA. ROSA

1 AGENT X44
2 DEJA VU
3 ERAGON
4 SAW 3
5 KAMASUTRA 3

## LIPA

1 AGENT X44
2 DEJA VU
3 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO
4 ERAGON
5 ROB-B-HOOD

## DASMARIÑAS

1 AGENT X44
2 DEJA VU
3 BLOOD DIAMOND
4 SAW 3

## ANGELES

1 AGENT X44
2 DEJA VU
3 SAW 3
4 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO

## IMUS

1 ERAGON
2 BLOOD DIAMOND
3 AGENT X44
4 ROB-B-HOOD
5 DEJA VU
6 SAW 3

## STARMILLS

1 ERAGON
2 AGENT X44
3 DEJA VU
4 SAW 3
5 ROB-B-HOOD
6 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO

## BACOLOD

1 AGENT X44
2 DEJA VU
3 ERAGON
4 KAMASUTRA
5 KASAL, KASALI, KASALO
6 DECK THE HALLS

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1 AGENT X44
2 DEJA VU
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# "Stomp the Yard" tops box office

# Impetus, impact and Imago

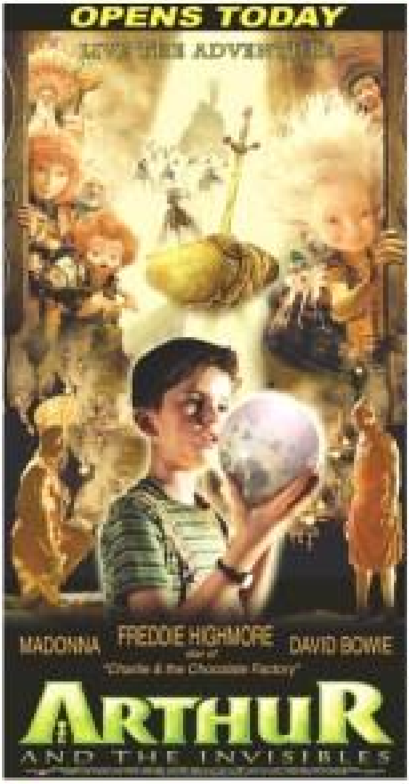
**Did You Know...**

**Kylie Minogue calls off two shows**

LONDON—Australian singer Kylie Minogue has canceled two concerts on her comeback tour following treatment for breast cancer because of a respiratory tract infection.

The London-based diva only managed to perform half of a scheduled two-and-a-half hour concert Saturday in Manchester, northern England, because of the infection, spokesperson John Hills said. AP

# Impetus, impact and Imago





CREATIVE QUARTET: (from left) Tim Cacho, Aia de Leon, Zach Lucero, Myrene Academia

TAKE FIVE

